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GROUND BROKEN FOR CITY HALL

Council May Ban Chicken Raising

A new land use ordinance which would permit construction of bachelor apartments in Torrance while putting an end to the present law which allows the raising of chickens or rabbits in a single family residential zone will be up for consideration by the City Council next Tuesday evening.

Oil Ordinance Due Before City Council Tuesday

Deliberations on regulations for Torrance's sprawling oil fields will begin before the City Council next week when a proposed new ordinance on the field will be presented by City Attorney James M. Hall.

The new measure, which is the outgrowth of two proposals drawn up by the city and by Attorney Donald Hitchcock, who is representing the oilmen in the matter, is being drafted this week by the City Attorney.

Basic regulations of the proposed ordinance will concern guarding of the equipment and sumps against access by children and on control of sumps themselves.

Chest Honors Local Woman

Mrs. Ella Schwartz, of Torrance, was named vice chairman of the October Community Chest drive in the South Bay area this week by James Viscaglia, area chairman.

A veteran of many phases of Chest campaigning, Mrs. Schwartz was city chairman for Torrance the last two years. This year, she will advise and assist city chairmen in the seven Harbor Area communities.

Airport Lease Offer Denied Second Time

Proposal of Vegas Air, Inc., to give the city five receiver sets, two transmitters, a light gun, and a homing transmitter valued by the Airport Commission at \$7500 in exchange for a 25-year lease on Airport property was turned down for a second time by the City Council this week when a recommendation by the Airport Commission that the matter be reconsidered failed to receive a single affirmative vote.

The matter was first denied by the Council last month on the recommendation of City Manager George Stevens who said he did not think it was in the best interests of the city to take five receiver sets and a transmitter in lieu of \$60,000 rental fees.

Statement Challenged
The Airport Commission challenged the statement by Stevens, saying that Vegas Air had an option on the area in question, at \$100 a month, and that they had now submitted an offer to lease the additional area for \$50 a month.

Drawn up at the suggestion of Building Superintendent John V. Russell, the new ordinance is designed to "straighten out the discrepancies created by the raising of minimum lot area requirements," Russell told the Councilmen.

The ordinance calls for a minimum of 6000 square feet in an R-1 dwelling lot with a minimum frontage of 60 feet. The present ordinance requires a minimum of 5000 square feet of ground and a 50-foot frontage.

Chickens Omitted
Outlining of the present provisions for allowing families in an R-1 zone to raise up to 36 chickens or rabbits is done by omission. The subject is not mentioned in the new law.

Other building phases changed by the new law include rumpus rooms, which must contain no cooking facilities other than a barbecue or other outdoor-type arrangement. Russell told the Council that the city did not want to interfere with the California habit of entertaining in the rumpus room but that he did want to squelch any move to turn such areas into living quarters.

Hot Items Delayed
Two controversial parts of the ordinance will be omitted and be considered separately, the Council ruled Tuesday. A section dealing with fences will be brought up later as will one requiring specified amounts of off-street parking in conjunction with commercial buildings.

Members of the Council and the Planning Commission, are finding it difficult to establish an equitable formula for such a requirement.

The matter was scheduled for further discussion before the Planning Commission last night.

The Commissioners who quoted from the lease a statement which said that the city will not "grant an exclusive right to any person, firm, or corporation to sell exclusively its gasoline, oil and petroleum products, but that the same shall be on a competitive basis."



CIVIC CENTER STARTED . . . City Officials turned out in force Monday afternoon to get the construction of the new, million-dollar civic center, at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave., underway. Here Mayor Albert Isen gets an assist from Yolanda Goldsmith, crowned "Miss Torrance" last Friday, as he turns the first shovel of earth for the new City Hall. Looking on from left to right are Planning Secretary George

Work on Pool To Begin Soon

"Miss Torrance" of 1955 was called on for her first official act Monday afternoon as she helped the mayor turn the first shovel of earth on the site of the city's new million-dollar civic center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave.

While a dozen city officials looked on, Mayor Albert Isen and Yolanda Goldsmith, who was crowned "Miss Torrance" Friday night, turned a shovel of earth and the construction of the city hall was officially underway.

Contractor R. E. Payne, however, didn't wait for the formal groundbreaking — he had machines on the site preparing foundation trenches before the city officials arrived for their ceremony (which included no speeches). Payne was on hand for the groundbreaking as was Architect Marion J. Varner, who designed the city hall and police station as well as two new city fire stations and a remodeling on another.

Pool Work Done
Slated for construction on the new civic center site in addition to the new city hall is a modern police station and jail. Work on the new swimming pool is scheduled to begin next week, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Walker and Murphy, contractors on the job, have indicated that they want to get started as soon as the contracts are in order.

Work is near the finishing stages on the new central fire station and plans are now being made for an open house this fall to give the public a view of the new facility.

No. 4 Station
At the same time, work is nearing completion on the new No. 4 station at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. It is scheduled to be ready for occupancy later this fall, possibly in September.

Floor plans and sketches of the front elevations for the No. 4 station in north Torrance were presented to the Council Tuesday by Architect Marion Varner. Plans call for enlarging the kitchen, and converting the present dormitory into a recreation room. New dormitory facilities will be constructed on the building.

Rep. Cecil R. King and Sens. William F. Knowland and Thomas Kuchel sent telegrams to Superintendent J. H. Hull, indicating that Torrance was among 28 cities included in the appropriation for the Federal Aid to Schools program.

The schools had applied for the money earlier and had received some money from the Federal Government some time ago, but the funds were \$773,947 short of the amount requested. This appropriation corrects the shortage, which was caused by a lack of funds.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said he had not learned how soon the money would be available, and whether plans of proposed schools would have to be submitted before it can be obtained.

Engineer Studies Del Amo Blvd.

Under consideration today by City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop is a request by the Redondo Beach City Council that Torrance investigate the possibility of opening up Del Amo Blvd. between Hawthorne Ave. and Prospect Ave., which would provide another access road into Redondo Beach from Hawthorne Ave.

The matter was referred to Bishop this week by the City Council after Redondo City Manager F. E. Hopkins had written to City Manager George Stevens here on the request.

"From the Redondo Beach point of view, this would be a very desirable improvement," Hopkins wrote.

On Boundary Line
The street straddles the Torrance-County boundary line, therefore would have to be a joint venture between the two bodies.

Such improvement has been suggested by County officials previously and is on the County master plan of streets and highways. It will eventually connect with Del Amo in the North Long Beach area providing a sea-to-mountains highway through the area.

Part of the work now under consideration would extend the roadway west from Western Ave. to Hawthorne Ave. and provide a truck route through the downtown shopping area. Such a route was surveyed recently by County Road Com-

missioner Sam Kennedy, Richard Newton of Supervisor Burton W. Chace's office, and Planning Secretary George Powell. Plans for development of the area immediately south of the General Petroleum refinery and west of the Dow Chemical Co. and Pittsburgh Paint Co. plants by industrial firms has emphasized the need for such an outlet to Western Ave. and the Harbor. Powell stated at the time of the survey.

The road also could be utilized by trucks from the refinery, and from other industrial areas in the vicinity, according to Powell. This would relieve much of the truck traffic on Torrance Blvd. at the present time, he maintained.

45 Boys to Go On Y Camping Trip Saturday

Some 45 boys made final plans yesterday for the Torrance YMCA trip to the High Sierras which starts Saturday. Youngsters took physicals and made equipment checks for the caravan, which will leave at 4 a.m. Saturday, with breakfast in Mojave, lunch in Bishop, and dinner at the camp site at Mammoth Lakes.

Trips to Convict Lake, June Lake, Hot Creek, Devil's Post Pile, and Earthquake Fault are planned during the seven-day camping trip. On Wednesday, the boys will travel to Mono Craters or the ghost town of Bodie on their way to Yosemite National Park.

Thursday and Friday will be spent in the park with an early Saturday morning departure schedule. Ed Raphael and Howard Dils will assist Stan Roberts, Camp Director, on the 1200-mile trip.

Board Accepts Bid

A bid of \$54,774 for construction of concrete foundations and dock-high floor system for a warehouse for the Torrance Unified School District was accepted Tuesday night by the Board of Education.

The bid was awarded to Harwick and Son, Inc. lowest of six bidders. The warehouse will be located across the street from Board of Education offices at 2335 Plaza del Amo.

DEDICATION OF ARMORY SET OCT. 8

Dedication ceremonies for the recently-completed National Guard Armory, at the corner of Lincoln and Cabrillo Aves. will be held on Oct. 8, according to Capt. D. J. Horlander, commander.

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight has been invited to the ceremonies, which start with a 12:15 parade from the new Civic Center site through downtown Torrance to the new armory.

City Paid \$1890 for Annexation

Palos Verdes Properties picked up a tab for \$1890.50 this week as the direct expense incurred by the city during deliberations on annexation of the area to Torrance.

A check for that amount was mailed in this week by Ivar O. Hanson, general manager of Palos Verdes Properties, and was accepted by the City Council.

"I would like to take this opportunity in behalf of myself and my associates, to tell you and other members of the City Council, City Planning Commission, your City Manager, City Attorney, and others who worked with us in this matter, that we were uniformly impressed with the high order of public service which all of you are rendering to your community," Hanson wrote to Mayor Albert Isen in transmitting the check.

We appreciated and respected the sincere approach each of you took in reviewing this matter with objectivity and courage, with only the best interests of your city in mind," he said.

Hanson said there would be many areas of mutual interest as the two communities continued to grow together, and that "we are hopeful of our property will prove to be a real asset to your community."

Furniture Store Begins Extensive Remodeling Job

As part of downtown Torrance's "facilitating campaign," McMahan's Furniture Store, 1306 Sartori Ave., is planning an expansion and remodeling program, according to Manager O. R. Trueblood.

The firm will expand its facilities to include an area formerly occupied by a liquor store and delicatessen, on the corner of Sartori and Marcelina Aves. At the same time, the interior and exterior of the store will be remodeled to make both more attractive, Trueblood said.

HAHN DESCRIBES

New Facilities Set at Alondra

A proposed \$143,000 improvement program for the lake area of Alondra Park was outlined Wednesday afternoon by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn at sign-posting ceremonies in the park.

Speaking before civic leaders and interested citizens, Hahn declared that improvements will be started on the lake, the swimming pool, and the island in the lake.

As outlined by Hahn, the improvements will be as follows:
1. Parking lots have been improved and paved, and traffic has been improved through installation of a signal at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Yukon Ave.

2. The swimming pool will be modernized with installation of a new type of circulating system.

3. An area south of the lake (Continued on Page 2)

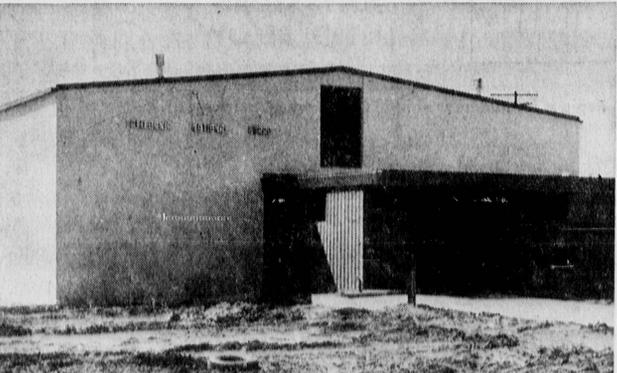
Buses to Take Little League Fans to Game

Torrance Municipal Buses will transport fans to the Torrance-San Fernando Valley Little League playoff game tomorrow, local officials announced Wednesday.

Buses will pick up passengers at Roberts Road and Pacific Coast Highway at 3 p.m. and the new Little League Park, on del Amo between Western and Cabrillo, at 3:15 p.m. The buses will return following the game, which is set for 5:15 p.m. at Verdugo Park in Glendale.

Persons wishing rides on the buses should call Jim Potts at FR 5-8533 for reservations.

Final game in the Southern California Little League eliminations will be held Saturday at the same time. If Torrance wins tomorrow, they will meet the winner of today's Venice-Los Altos tilt.



NEW GUARD ARMORY . . . Dedication ceremonies for the new National Guard Armory, at the corner of Lincoln and Cabrillo Aves., will be held on Oct. 8, it was announced this week. The building, recently completed, houses Company E of the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion. It will be available to other civic groups also.

Lease Cited
This was challenged also by